REMARKS

Status of Claims

Claims 55-89 and 109-121 were pending in this application. Claims 109-121 are canceled and no claims are amended or newly added. Therefore, claims 55-89 are pending in the application and are submitted for reconsideration.

This amendment changes and deletes claims in this application. A detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the application, irrespective of whether the claim(s) remain under examination in the application, is presented, with an appropriate defined status identifier.

Applicants sincerely thank the examiner for indicating that claims 55-89 are allowed.

Prior Art Rejections

In the Office Action, claims 109-121 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. patent 6,408,282 to Buist. Claims 109-121 have been canceled, making this rejection moot.

Conclusion

Applicants submit that the application is now in *prima facie* condition for allowance since all the pending claims have been allowed. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicants hereby petition for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

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